THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government are aware of the need to improve the standards of teaching especially in rural areas.

(b) Several measures have been contemplated under the Programme of Action prepared for the implementation of the National Policy on Education, 1986. Some of them are:

(i) establishment of grievances redressal machinery to attend to the legitimate grievances of teachers;

(ii) formulation of guidelines/rules for posting and transfer of teachers;

(iii) creation of machanism for verification of norms of behaviour expected of teachers;

(iv) establishment of a comprehensive, open, participatory and data based system of teacher evaluation;

(v) organising orientation course in the light of the National Policy on Education for elementary and secondary school teachers to improve teacher motivation;

(vi) In addition, various proposals for improving essential facilities and providing support services in primary schools as well as for enforcing greater teacher accountability, are also expected to have a positive influence in seeing that teachers devote proper attention to childrens' education.

Student teacher ratio

2413. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ratio has been fixed by Government, in respect of students and teachers in Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary schools in Delhi and if so, what is the ratio prescribed for Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) what is the ratio prescribed in other parts of the country, State as well as rural/urban areas-wise;

(c) whether the number of present sanctioned strength of teachers is much less than the ratio shown in the records of the Ministry; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposes to take to bridge the visible gap?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) According to Delhi Administration, no teacher-pupil ratio has been prescribed as such. Norms have however been prescribed for determining the number of teachers required in a school on the basis of subjects taught, number of periods to be assigned to a teacher, number of sections and section strength.

(b) According to Selected Educational Statistics 1984-85, the average teacher-pupil ratio in the Country as a whole as on 30.9.84 was as under:

Primary	1 : 41
Middle	1 : 36
High/Secondary . . .	1 : 30
Higher Secondary Schools/Junior Colleges	1 : 27

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Every year more posts of teachers are sanctioned on the basis of the norms.

Government Schools in the country

2414. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary Government Schools or Government aided schools in the urban and rural areas in the country, area-wise;

(b) number of such school Government propose to open during the financial year 1987-88 in rural/urban areas of the country; and

(c) what is the amount of funds provided for the purpose to each States in the country for opening of such schools rural|urban area-wise during 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The total number of Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary Schools as on 30-9-1984, for which the information is available, is given at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 111). The number of aided schools is not collected.

(b) No separate targets are fixed for opening of new Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary Schools by the Central Government. The State Governments decide this keeping in view the availability of funds and requirement of additional schools.

(c) The Central Government does not separately provide funds to the State Governments for opening of new schools. The State Governments after their Annual Plans are approved by the Planning Commission allocate funds keeping in view their own requirements.

Replacement of equipment of telephone exchanges of Calcutta

2415. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Ministe of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the equipment of as many as 17 of the 49 telephone exchanges in Calcutta are in need of immediate replacemnt; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what measures are being taken for their replacement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of replacement of exchanges is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Replacement Scheme (Electronic for Strowger & Manual)

Parent Exchange to be replaced	Electronic Exchange Equip, allotted for replacement and year of allotment	Expected time for completion of work
Circus (44) .	10.000 (87-88)	1989
Kalighat (47)	10.000 (86-87) Also serve as parent exchange for RLU at Narendrapur, Budgebudge, Barimpur and Amtala.	1988
Begbazar (55) (to be shut down by transferring areas)	(a) 10.000 (88-89) To be installed at Chittaranjan Kendra. Part relief for existing 55	1990
	(b) 10.000 (88-89) To be installed at East. Part replacement for 35 and Part relief for existing 55	1990
	(c) 10.000 (87-88) Part relief for '35' Part for expansion	1989
Ea t (35) .	Full replacement as explained at (b) and (c) above	1990